

WAR COST TO BRITAIN DAILY IS \$21,000,000 STILL GROWING

Premier Asks Commons for
New Credit to Last Until
November—Says Limit Is
Still Mounting.

Figures Presented Show That
Expenditures Double Every
Four Months—Advances
Made to Allied Nations.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—England's
daily expenditure for war purposes,
said Premier Asquith today in mov-
ing a new war credit of \$1,250,-
000,000, have been from July 18 to
September 11, \$21,000,000 on the
average.

At the start of the war financiers
who estimated that England would
have to spend \$20,000,000 daily
were scoffed at.

The cost is mounting every day.
For the first seventeen days of July
the average daily expense was
\$15,882,941. Premier Asquith told
Parliament. In a speech on May
4, David Lloyd-George declared
that the war up to that time had
cost England about \$10,500,000 a
day.

COSTS WILL SOAR.

The war cost for the next few
weeks will mount still higher,
Premier Asquith told the house of
commons, approaching \$25,000,000 a
day. The appropriation asked today,
he declared, will last only until the
third week of November.

The prime minister's statement
caused a sensation because it indi-
cated that the cost of the war to
England is doubling every four
months. It was pointed out that with
English munition factories only begin-
ning to speed up their production
and with the number of troops in the
field only now approaching the maxi-
mum, the cost of the war must soar
to unheard of figures.

The main cause of the surprising
increase in war expenditures, Premier
Asquith said, was the fact that Eng-
land was making great advances to
the allies at the same time she is
buying provisions and munitions.

Need More Laborers.
These things, he said, were needed
to complete the war program, and
the country still stood in need of
more laborers, women as well as
men.

"Our positions in France and Fland-
ers have been strengthened," said
the prime minister. "We have dis-
patched reinforcements to the Dar-
danelles, where our connected front
now extends for more than twelve
miles.

In the east the Russians are being
pressed back, but their retreat has
been conducted in masterly fashion,
their armies unbroken. Victory is
likely to incline to the side able to
arm, rest, and stay longest. In the
conflict, that the allies intend to do."

Asquith declared that since the war
he had nearly 3,000,000 men have en-
listed in the British army. But, he
said, in recent weeks the enlistment
has shown signs of falling off.

WILSON WILL WEAR STARS AND STRIPES

An American flag, miniature in size
and bearing thirteen stars, represent-
ing the thirteen original States, will
flutter tomorrow from the lapel of
President Wilson's coat. Tomorrow
will be G. A. R. Flag Day, and the
President will set an example to all
Washingtonians who will have oppor-
tunity to purchase these little flags to
assist the ladies' citizens committee
of the Grand Army encampment in
its efforts to raise funds to entertain
the various women's organizations
affiliated with the G. A. R. which
will hold meetings here during the
encampment.

The President's flag was left at the
White House today by a representative
of the committee, who wished per-
sonally to place it on the President's
coat. As the latter will not be in his
office, however, she left the flag with
the accompanying letter from Mrs.
William E. Andrews, chairman of the
ladies' citizens' committee.

The bearer, Mrs. Wood, begs the
privilege of placing a flag on the shoul-
der of the President of the United
States. She will not detain him long
company with the President. We are
pleased to respond to the President's
request. Every American
should wear his country's flag, espe-
cially at the present time."

"Time Not Ripe For Peace in Europe"

Amsterdam Woman Tells Presi-
dent Wilson of Hague
Conference.

President Wilson was told today that
the time is not ripe for peace negotia-
tions in Europe by Dr. Aletta H. Jacobs,
of Amsterdam, Holland, who is travel-
ing in this country as a representative
of the International Woman's Peace
Conference, which recently met at The
Hague.

Dr. Jacobs, following the conference,
traveled throughout Europe with Jane
Addams, of Chicago, one of the Ameri-
can delegates to the conference, and in-
terviewed officials in all the belligerent
capitals of Europe.

Mrs. Jacobs told the President that
the women of the world are hoping that
the President at the proper time and
with the backing of other neutral na-
tions will initiate a movement for peace,
but that she realized conditions at pres-
ent were not propitious.

U. S. NOT TO BLOCK HUGE WAR LOAN

Administration Regards Credit
of Allies as Necessary to
Meet Debts Incurred.

Assurance that the Administration
considers the proposed billion-dollar
loan or credit to the allies by American
bankers within the limits of neutrality
and will not interfere, came unofficially
from the White House today.

The Administration, it is understood,
regards the loan as merely a necessary
detail in the transaction by which the
allies are purchasing supplies in the
United States and that the credit is to
be used largely in meeting debts al-
ready incurred and that it is not pro-
posed to give the allies money for use
elsewhere.

The Administration, it is said, sees no
difference between the proposed loan
and the floating of \$10,000,000 of German
securities in this country some time
ago, except in the size.

That this government
has any obstacles in negotiating the loan
unless a protest is received from Ger-
many or Austria, was the statement of
a high State Department official to-
day. He pointed out that the govern-
ment's position regarding foreign loans
announced last fall, while disapproving
a general loan to any belligerent, did
not object to a credit loan.

Secretary Lansing admitted today
that several protests from individuals
against foreign loans had been re-
ceived.

Treasury figures today showed na-
tional bank reserves of \$27,000,000,
State bank reserves of \$1,250,000,000,
of which the proposed billion-dollar
loan could be made to the allies.

SUBURBAN CHILDREN TO OVERTAX SCHOOLS

New Law May Result in Serious
Overcrowding in Outlying
Sections.

Schools in the outlying sections of
the city, especially the Chevy Chase
and Takoma Park schools, face serious
overcrowding when schools open Mon-
day, because of the new law which
permits all residents of adjoining
States who are employed in the District
to send their children to Washington
schools free of charge.

Until last year these non-resident
pupils had to pay tuition. Last year
the children of government employees
were admitted without any pay, and
this year, by a Congressional act, he
permitted all residents of adjoining
States who are employed in the District
to send their children to Washington
schools free of charge.

Superintendent Thurston will try to
relieve this congestion, which also will
be felt in Eckington and Georgetown
schools, by assigning pupils from
across the District line to downtown
schools when necessary. Pupils resid-
ing in the District will not be displaced
to make room for the newcomers, but
the law does not state that the out-
siders have to be taken care of in the
schools nearest their homes.

Notice has been received by the Pub-
lic Utilities Commission from the
Terminal Taxicab Company of a re-
duction in hourly rates for taxicabs and
touring cars as follows:

Cabs, one to five passengers, from \$1
for the first hour or fraction thereof
to 75 cents; extra passengers, 50
cents; four-passenger touring cars,
from \$1 for the first hour to \$3; from
\$1 for each succeeding quarter of an
hour to 75 cents; six-passenger touring
car, from \$6 for the first hour to \$4
for each succeeding quarter of an hour
to \$1. The new rates, it is understood,
will be approved by the commission and
effective immediately.

BOARDER, SHOT FIVE TIMES BY HUSBAND, DES SOUGHT IN N. Y.

Henry Seffers, Roomer at Home
of Estranged Couple in
Northeast, Victim.

HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Former Fireman Beaten Up by
Policemen in Struggle After
Shooting in Northeast.

Henry Seffers, thirty-five years old,
a photographer's assistant at the navy
yard, died at the Casualty Hospital
early today as a result of five bullet
wounds inflicted by Joseph Bentley,
forty years old, with whose family he
had been a boarder for four years. A
coroner's jury later held Bentley for
the action of the grand jury.

The shooting occurred on L street
northeast, between Eighth and Ninth
streets, at 4:30 o'clock yesterday after-
noon, and Seffers died twelve hours
later. Policeman E. H. Lambert was
the first person to reach the scene of
the tragedy, and he testified at the
inquest that he had been compelled to
strike Bentley twice over the head
with his stick before the latter would
surrender the weapon with which the
shooting had been done.

It was necessary to take Bentley to
the Casualty Hospital to have his
wounds dressed and at the first it was
feared his frontal bone had been frac-
tured, though he did not give any
testimony.

Seffers had been boarding with Mrs.
Lillian Bentley and her fourteen-year-
old son at 823 L street northeast, prior
to the shooting. In a statement to the
police Mrs. Bentley said that her hus-
band had not lived there since April,
1914. Bentley was formerly a member
of the city fire department, but has
been out of the service two years ago.

The younger man was on his way
home from the navy yard and had left
the car at Eighth and L streets north-
east and walked about half a block
when he was stopped by Bentley.

"Greeted" By Husband.
"You have been at my house long
enough," was Bentley's greeting, ac-
cording to a statement he made to the
police after the shooting.

Seffers advanced toward him and
Bentley drew a .32-caliber revolver and
began firing, all five shots taking effect.
One bullet penetrated the victim's ab-
domen, and this is the one that caused
death. Another struck near the man's
heart, a third grazed his left arm, a
fourth struck him in the thigh and a
fifth in the upper part of the chest.

Attracted by the shooting, Policeman
E. H. Lambert of the First precinct ran
to the place where the two men were,
and the latter resisted, the home-
owner said today, and it was not until
he had hit the man several times with a
club that Bentley released his hold on
the revolver.

Had Intended Suicide.
After he had been placed under ar-
rest Bentley said he hoped Seffers
would not die. He also told the police
he had intended to fire four shots at
the man and use the last bullet on
himself, but that he fired the weapon
so rapidly that all five shots were gone
before he knew it.

Inspector Grant and Detective Ver-
million went to the scene of the shoot-
ing and secured statements from
Bentley and Mrs. Bentley, but Seffers
was unable to make any statement
before he died.

Bentley told the police he waited
for Seffers at Eighth and L streets
northeast Monday afternoon, but
only intended to have a fist fight
with him. He said that when he be-
gan shooting yesterday he thought
Seffers was armed.

Mrs. Bentley told the police that
Seffers and her husband had never
quarreled during the four years the for-
mer boarded at their home. She said
her husband had been separated for a
short time eight years ago, she said,
but had made up, and he had left her
again eighteen months ago.

Prior to their last separation she said
she and her husband had quarreled over
financial matters, but denied that
Seffers' presence had anything to do
with their separation. The Bentleys
have one child, a boy fourteen years old,
who lives with his mother.

New York Suffers From Intense Heat

Most Sweltering September In
38 Years Has Metropolis
All But Prostrated.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—New York
sweltered today in the hottest Septem-
ber in thirty-eight years. The thermom-
eter at 3 o'clock registered 74 degrees,
and the Weather Bureau stated the
humidity was at 94, with no indication of
going down. Instead, it was said it
would steadily rise until mid-afternoon.
"Coming on the face of an exces-
sively hot summer, the heat of the last
two days has all but prostrated the
even streets and sidewalks were con-
gested with thinly clad persons who
courted against the heat and the mos-
quitoes. Police records last night showed
that three persons had died from heat
and there had been scores of prostra-

ALLEGED BUYER OF MURDER IS BY OLD GUARD

First Degree Crime Charged
Against East Side Leader in
Politics.

IS ANOTHER BECKER CASE?

Death Follows Feud in Which
There Have Been Several
Assassinations of Principals

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—New York
faced today what was described in
some quarters as "a second Becker
case." With the indictment later to-
day of Mike Rofrano, an East Side
political leader, for first degree mur-
der, scores of detectives were combing
the city searching for Rofrano, who
has been missing since Sunday.

The indictment charges Rofrano with
instigating the murder of Mike Gar-
mari, an under East Side leader, in
the outgrowth of a political feud in
which there have been several mur-
ders and attempted assassinations.

Rofrano's attorneys promised today
that he would give himself up.
His home at 11 Oliver street was
searched from room to room. The au-
thorities at Walnut Beach, Conn.,
Long Island, and certain resorts
throughout the city were asked to look
for him.

In the office of Rofrano's attorney,
James R. Buckley, of 31 Nassau street,
it was said the indicted man was not
hiding and had sent word he would
surrender himself to the district at-
torney.

Mr. Buckley is in a hospital, F. W.
Howland, of the firm, said. Rofrano's
next of kin, who he looked after by Elhu-
rood, Jr., pending Mr. Buckley's re-
turn.

"Mr. Rofrano is not hiding and is
not running away," said Mr. Howland.
"I expect he will be surrendered to-
day."

Later it was announced at the same
office that Rofrano's brother had
brought word that the indicted man
was in the city preparing to give him-
self up. The district attorney's office
kept open till a late hour last night
waiting for him to appear. At the same
time a general alarm for the much-
wanted man was sent out from police
headquarters.

Maurice Simmons, of the law firm of
Simmons, Harris & Rofrano, of which
the indicted man was a member, said
that recently Rofrano had been coming
to the office only a couple of times a
week. He said he had not seen him
for some time.

Dr. Dumbar's request to the govern-
ment to be allowed to go home to re-
port is alleged to have been obtained
improperly from the telegraph office at
Lenox. The State Department has been
so apprised by Count von Bernstorff,
who said this was not the first case of
tampering with messages. The atten-
tion of the Department of Justice will
be called to the case.

The State Department is still waiting
for the rest of the papers taken from
Archibald. Indications continue that
Captain von Papen and Consul General
von Naber will go.

State Department officials are mysti-
fied regarding the failure to hear from
Ambassador Pennington. He has not even
sent an acknowledgement of the Dum-
bar recall note.

That Dumbar's note requesting his own
recall on leave had not been officially
presented to the State Department is
officially stated. The note was submit-
ted only to many copies to be deter-
mined whether it was unofficial.

SEEK CORD EVIDENCE FROM OFFICE BOY

Police Say His Story Does Not
Agree With That of Part-
ner Peterson.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15.—If
Prosecutor Kraft does not change his
plans, Charles E. Lube, the office boy em-
ployed in the office of Samuel S. Cord,
wealthy New Jersey realty dealer,
mistakenly murdered two weeks
ago, will be brought today before
Olaf Peterson, Cord's business partner,
and questioned regarding them.

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LEE DEFEATED IN MMD. CONTEST

County Democrats Roll Up Big
Majority for Senator Smith's
Candidate Harrington.

WELLER CHOICE OF G. O. P.

Organization Forces of Both
Parties Win in Spirited Pri-
mary Contests.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 15.—The old
Democratic State machine buttressed
by "The" Kelley in Baltimore city
proved too much for United States
Senator Lee in yesterday's primary con-
test. He was decisively beaten.

Emerson C. Harrington, of Dorches-
ter, the present State comptroller, was
chosen a state Democratic gubernatorial
candidate to oppose Ovington E. Wel-
ler in the general election on Novem-
ber 2.

Throughout the contest, which con-
tinued for two months, the Harring-
ton supporters were absolutely con-
fident of their ability to win. The
Lee camp was equally sure. Hence
the defeat of the senator came as a
great surprise.

It was the first fight in which the
state and city machines separated.
In such a fight the city machine, even
when defeated, has little to lose, pro-
vided that it maintains its sway
throughout the city. This it failed to
do in yesterday's primaries. Two dis-
tricts were lost—one, the first, by a
very small margin, and the other, the
fourth, by a much larger vote.

"The Kelly's away is strongest in
the fourth, not long ago, when he has
considerable strength in the first and some
in the second. In that district, how-
ever, as in the third, there is a large
independent vote, which was, generally,
with Senator Lee."

Furthest Managed Fight.
Frank A. Furst lent his name to the
Harrington contest in Baltimore city.
This, of itself, was a big factor in
the result. He inspired a certain de-
gree of confidence in the Harrington
contest and, possibly, gave to it a de-
gree of respectability that it would
not otherwise have attained. He was
a big factor, too, in consolidating the
foreign-born vote and the home-born
vote, which had been divided behind the
Harrington banner.

Mr. Harrington was made to stand
forth as a man of liberal ideas, not op-
posed to healthy day recreation and a
class of beer, while Senator Lee was
pictured as a man of most stern no-
tions. The police want more pay.
Mayor Euston opposes more pay for
the police, taking the position that the
municipal condition of the city will not
improve until the police are paid.
Harrington and Lee are both in the
Harrington camp.

Roads Chairman O. E. Weller, swept
the State over William T. Warburton
for the Republican nomination. Weller
carried every ward in Baltimore city
and all of the counties, except Cecil,
Warburton's home, in which no fight
was made. He had 113,000 votes to
Warburton's 4,699. Robert F. Duer, for
comptroller on the Weller ticket, had
113,000 votes to Warburton's 4,699.

Captures the Counties.
This morning it was claimed Har-
rington had Caroline by about 150;
Talbot by 200; Worcester by 1,200;
Dorchester by 2,000; Anne Arundel by
about 500; Wicomico by 400; Prince
George's by 200; Harford by 200, esti-
mated, and Allegany by about 1 to 1.
Lee had carried his home county,
Montgomery, by about 700, but it was
stated that the Peters faction prob-
ably had won the legislative ticket and
that Philip D. Laird, whom the
Peters faction had fought, was nomi-
nated for the house. Charles Lee
had gone for Lee. Indications from Fred-
rick and the Eastern Shore were in
favor of the Republican ticket.

In the Republican fight, Weller car-
ried every ward in Baltimore city. With
but one precinct missing, the first of
the third ward he had 113,000 votes to
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AGAIN ASKS TRANSFER OF ST. JAMES' LICENSE

Counsel for New Owner of Hotel
Property Says Application
Was Overlooked.

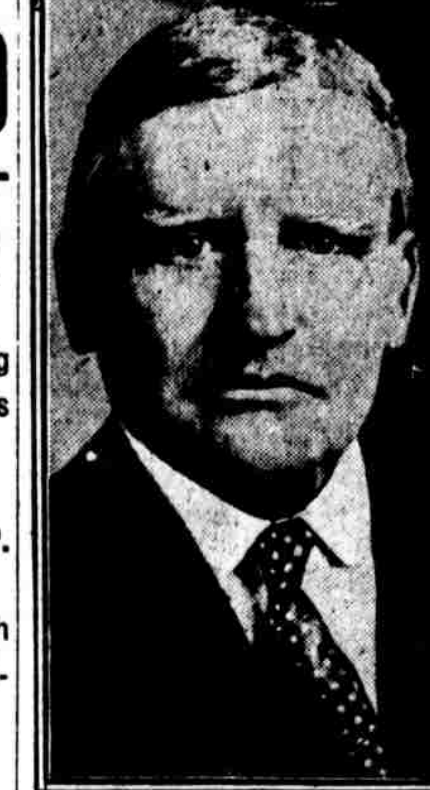
A rehearing was given by the excise
board today on the application of H.
T. Wheeler for a transfer of bar-
room license from Levi Woodbury at
the St. James Hotel, 485 Pennsylvania
avenue northwest.

A former application was rejected,
Mr. Wheeler, in arranging for the
transfer from Mr. Woodbury to him-
self of the hotel property which was
purchased in April, failed, it was al-
leged, to file the application for trans-
fer of the barroom license with the excise
board. The saloon has been closed
since August 16.

Charles H. Merrill, attorney for Mr.
Wheeler, urged reconsideration on the
board. He said that his client had in-
tended to comply with the statute and
that his failure to file the application for a
transfer was an inadvertence.

A number of letters from business
men urging favorable action were filed
with the board. Protest against the
application was made by A. E. Shoemaker,
attorney for the Anti-Saloon
League. The board reserved decision.

Defeated in Race for Governorship Nomination



—Photo by American Press Association.
SENATOR BLAIR LEE,
of Maryland.

RUSS RE-CAPTURE DVINSK-VILNA LINE

Re-enforcements for Von Bue-
low Approach Railroad
Junction.

ROME, Sept. 15.—An Athens
telegram to the Idea Nazionale
today states that Roumania has
ordered mobilization against
Austria. The report is not con-
firmed from any other source.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 15.—A German
cavalry force that reached the Vilna-
Petrograd railway has been driven
back and the railway line from Dvinsk
to Vilna is again in the hands of the
Czar, according to dispatches reaching
here today.

Air scouts, however, report that the
Germans under General von Buelow,
have received re-enforcements and that
large bodies of infantry are again
approaching the railway. The Rus-
sians are concentrated in the region
west of Sventziany and a big battle is
believed imminent along the Dvinsk-
Vilna line.

The German attacks against the
Iwina river positions from Jacobstad
to Dvinsk are increasing in violence.
General Russky, however, is main-
taining his positions and inflicting
heavy losses on the enemy.

Encouraging progress is being made
in Galicia where the forces under Gen-
eral Ivanoff continue to press back
the Austrian taking many prisoners.

Russians Retreating East of Grodno, Says Berlin Statement

BERLIN (via wireless to London),
Sept. 15.—The Russian line, from east
of Grodno to the Pripiet marshes, is
steadily retreating, hard pressed on
both sides by 250,000 German troops.
This afternoon's official statement
said that Field Marshal Mackensen is
drawing nearer to Pinsk in his pur-
suit of the enemy. Prince Leopold of
Bavaria has driven the enemy across
the Szekara at several points. East of
Grodno and Oltta the German pursuit
continues.

British Marines Hold Gallipoli Trenches in Face of Gallling Fire

ATHENS, Sept. 15.—British marines
distinguished themselves in a hot action
near the southern tip of Gallipoli penin-
sula while allied cruisers were bom-
barding the Turkish left from inside the
Dardanelles on Monday.

A raking fire from the warships drove
the Turks from a section of trenches.
The marines rushed forward and occu-
pied the works. Turkish shore bat-
teries drove off the cruisers, leaving
the marines without protection. The
Turks swarmed in upon them, but they
held their positions despite heavy at-
tacks by numerically superior forces.
French re-enforcements came to the
marines' aid just before daybreak.

Bomb Fighting Features Seventeenth Day of Duel Of Big Guns Near Arras

PARIS, Sept. 15.—The seventeenth day
of the artillery battle around Arras, in
the Champagne region and in the
Argonne, was featured by sporadic
bomb fighting, the war office reported
this afternoon. Neither side made any
important gains.

Bomb and grenade combats were
especially furious around Neuville,
Brimecourt, Chaules and Lihons. The
heaviest artillery fighting yesterday was
around Camp Chalons.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—The French ministry
of marine today informed shipping com-
panies that the appearance of German
submarines off the mouths of the Loire
and Gironde "need cause no alarm,"
and declared that the same measures
used so effectively in the English chan-
nel against submarines are now being
employed.

The announcement was made in view
of the recent torpedoing of French
steamers in the Bay of Biscay. Shipping
agents in Paris fear that a new sub-
marine squadron has been assigned by
the German admiralty to raid French
shipping.

BERLIN SCORES AGITATORS OF PLOT TO BLOW UP FACTORIES

Official Bulletin Disavows Stupid
and Dangerous Practice of
"Hot-Headed Private Citi-
zens Who Have Been Misled"

Insertion of Pamphlets in Ger-
man Newspapers Instigating
Conspiracy Against Mun-
itions Plants Is Censured.

BERLIN (via wireless to Say-
ville), Sept. 15.—The German gov-
ernment today formally disavowed
the action of certain German citi-
zens in attempting to instigate
plots for the destruction of Ameri-
can war munitions factories.

"Recently German newspapers
have arrived in the United States
containing a pamphlet advising
readers to destroy American am-
munition factories," said an of-
ficial statement.

"Such a practice is officially
designated as stupid and danger-
ous. It is evident that hot-headed
private citizens who have been
misled, have tried to agitate in
this manner by inserting the pam-
phlets. No newspaper office is re-
sponsible."

Austro-German Plan To Tie-Up Arms Plant Has Been Discouraged

The menace of Federal prosecution al-
ready has checked and discouraged the
plan of German and Austrian sym-
patizers who have given their encour-
agement to a plan to tie up the output
of American munition factories, according
to statements made today by Depart-
ment of Justice officials.

The department, it was stated, is
thoroughly in earnest when it threatens
prosecution for all persons who have
corresponded with agents of the Ger-
man and Austrian governments to bring
about such an end, and is also ready
to proceed against persons who have
circulated pamphlets through the mails,
urging German and Austrian sym-
patizers to aid in promoting labor trou-
bles in munition factories.

The German government today, ac-
cording to word from Berlin, has of-
ficially disavowed the action of these
pamphlet circulators, which was char-
acterized as "stupid and dangerous."

The Department of Justice has re-
ceived complaints from district attor-
neys throughout the country, it was
stated, of persons who have mailed
pamphlets in German newspapers, ad-
vising agitation against labor harmony
in munition factories, and officials here
declared that prosecution under the
statute which prohibits the circulation
of inflammatory matter through the
mails will be brought in all cases where
evidence of such action can be ob-
tained.

Justice officials declared they were
still waiting until the State Depart-
ment took some action against Austrian
officials who had been charged with fo-
menting strikes in munition factories, but
it was not to be understood, they de-
clared, that the department would re-
main inactive even if the State De-
partment failed to oust the offending con-
suls and others with official status.

President Determined That Germany Must Respect Rights of U. S.

President Wilson's attitude in the
German situation was set forth by
persons close to his confidence today.
The position of the President means
that the United States and Germany are
either going to have a better under-
standing on the submarine